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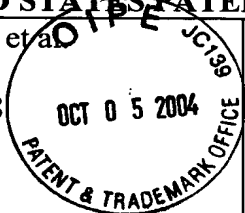
Group Art Unit: 2836

Application No.: 09/944,118

Examiner: Nguyen, Danny

Filed: September 4, 2001

Title: REDUCED CURRENT AND POWER
CONSUMPTION STRUCTURE OF
DRIVE CIRCUIT



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Date: October 5, 2004

LETTER

Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action dated September 28, 2004, Applicant hereby submits a Request for Continued Examination for the above-referenced application.

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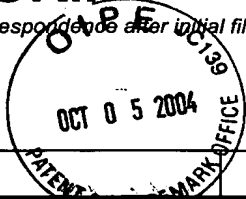
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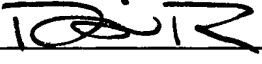
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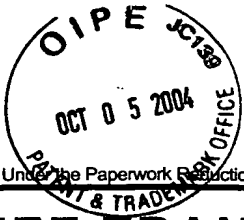
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| | First Named Inventor | HUTAMURA et al. |
| | Group Art Unit | 2836 |
| | Examiner Name | Nguyen, Danny |
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| 1003 | 550 | 2003 | 275 | 1053 | 130 | 1053 | 130 | Non-English specification | |
| 1004 | 790 | 2004 | 395 | 1812 | 2,520 | 1812 | 2,520 | For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 1005 | 160 | 2005 | 80 | 1804 | 920* | 1804 | 920* | Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| SUBTOTAL (1) | | (\$) | | 1805 | 1,840* | 1805 | 1,840* | Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| | | | | 1251 | 110 | 2251 | 55 | Extension for reply within first month | |
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| | | | | 1401 | 340 | 2401 | 170 | Notice of Appeal | |
| | | | | 1402 | 340 | 2402 | 170 | Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| | | | | 1403 | 300 | 2403 | 150 | Request for oral hearing | |
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| | | | | 1452 | 110 | 2452 | 55 | Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
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| Signature | | | | Date | Oct. 5, 2004 |

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